

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Serial No. 10/672,420

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Nguyen, et al.** § Case: AMAT/8349/MASK/ETEC/ARNOLD
Serial No.: **10/672,420** § Filed: **September 26, 2003**
Examiner: **Kackar, Ram N.** § Group Art Unit: **1763**
Confirmation No.: **8442** §
Title: **INTERFEROMETER ENDPOINT** §
MONITORING DEVICE §

MAIL Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 12, 2005

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 4, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 4, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782, for any additional fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.